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SUBJECT: HEINEMANN DECLINES SECOND PRESIDENTIAL TERM

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1. PRESIDENT HEINEMANN ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 14 THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL TERM BECAUSE OF HIS AGE. POSSIBILITIES DESCRIBED REFTTEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF A SPLIT-TERM ARRANGEMENT, HAVE NOW COME INTO PLAY.

2. HEINEMANN'S TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1974. HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE ELECTED IN MID MAY BY THE 1,036 MEMBER FEDERAL ASSEMBLY, COMPOSED OF THE BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES, BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES, AND AN EQUAL NUMBER FROM THE LAENDER. THE SPD/FDP TOGETHER COMMAND A MAJORITY OF ABOUT 40 VOTES.

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3. AN SPD SOURCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TOLD US

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT THE SPD WOULD DEFINITELY FIELD A CANDIDATE TO REPLACE HEINEMANN, BUT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN WHO. THE RUMOR MILLS CONTINUE TO FAVOR ARENDT. BRANDT'S NAME IS ALSO BEING MENTIONED, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE IS INTERESTED.

4. TALK OF SCHEEL AS A CANDIDATE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY WIDESPREAD. A SOURCE CLOSE TO SCHEEL TOLD EMBOFF JUST PRIOR TO HEINEMANN'S ANNOUNCEMENT NOVEMBER 14 THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SCHEEL "SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE EXCLUDED." THE NEWS THAT SCHEEL WILL ENTER THE HOSPITAL IN DECEMBER FOR HIS THIRD KIDNEY OPERATION IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS LENT SOME CREDIBILITY TO THE SUGGESTION THAT HE MIGHT GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPTING THE LESS STRENUOUS DEMANDS OF THE PRESIDENCY. HILLENBRAND

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